

Great News, Runners... NEO XC Camp is a GO!!!!

We have just settled an agreement to rent Templd Hills Camp in Bellville, OH (12 miles south of Mansfield). And as the name suggests, it has no lack of hills! We hope that you share our excitement to continue the 36 year history of Northeast Ohio XC Camp at this beautiful, new site.... even if the camp is no longer in Northeast Ohio!

So that you can get a feel for the new camp, we have created a photo album of some of the Templd Hills facilities at <http://photos.gopherarun.com/all>. The camp is similar to Joseph Badger Meadows in many ways... a combination of rustic cabins and some modern facilities. The roads are also similar (but hillier!)... rural farm roads near a bike path.

Some good news.... Templd Hills has a larger capacity than Joseph Badger Meadows so we should be able to accommodate most if not all of the waiting list runners. I will approve waiting list runners as I am certain that we can accommodate them. We may also be able to fit a few more runners into Week 2 of camp. If you know of anyone interested, have them register for the waiting list at <http://gopherarun.com/camp/>

Some bad news.... The rental cost for Templd Hills camp that we have agreed to is a bit more than at Joseph Badger Meadows so we are going to request an additional \$10 from each camper. That would make camp price \$285 total or \$294 if online payment is made. The balance of the fee after the \$75 deposit will be \$210 or \$219 for online payment. If either this increase in cost or the new location of the camp presents a problem for any runner, please reply to this email to contact me. Good luck to all of you during track season. Please continue to check your email or the camp website (<http://gopherarun.com/camp/>) for further updates about camp. Don't forget to get a copy of a current physical from your school or doctor before summer comes!

Ted Rupe and Staff

PS - We are definitely moving full speed ahead with camp plans but there is still a very slim chance that the camp may not work out. Templd Hills did not operate last summer. They are going to test their water supply system in a week or two. If it passes inspection we will be thumbs up!